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TAGS: CDES (CURRIE, ALBERT LEDOUX)

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS OF ALBERT LEDOUX CURRIE

REF: STATE 197742

AT TIME OF CURRIE'S DEATH SAUDI POLICE REQUESTED THAT CURRIE'S EFFECTS BE TURNED OVER TO THEM TO BE HELD IN CUSTODY BY SAG OFFICE CALLED BEIT AL-MAL (TRANSLATION: TREASURY HOUSE), WHICH IN SAUDI ARABIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING EFFECTS AOF DECEASED TO THEIR FAMILIES. IN ACTUAL PRACTICE BEIT AL-MAL HAS NEVER BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN SEEING THAT PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE TURNED OVER TO HEIRS. THE PROCESS IS OFTEN LONG, COMPLEX AND SOMETIMES THE EFFECTS HAVE BEEN LOST. ARAMCO, THEREFORE, HAS RESISTED THE POLICE AND PETITIONED THE AMIR (GOVERNOR) OF THE EASTERN PROVINCE OF SAUDI ARABIA FOR PERMISSION TO TURN OVER THE EFFECTS DIRECTLY TO MR. CURRIE'S BROTHER. AT THIS TIME PERMISSION HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED TO DO THIS. INSTEAD THE AMIR HAS IN TURN REQUESTED PERMISSION OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO DO THIS. BECAUSE IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE MINISTER TO ARRIVE AT A DECISION, ARAMCO ADVISED ALBERT CURRIE'S BROTHER TO POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE FOR SAUDI ARABIA UNTIL IT IS CLEAR THE EFFECTS MAY BE TURNED OVER TO MR. CURRIE'S HEIRS.

2. POST HAS BEEN FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY AND IS ASSISTING

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